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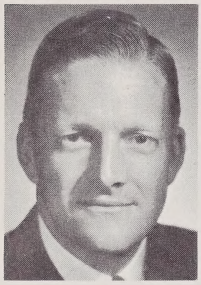
# THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

This issue of the *News* welcomes you officially to the west! It is truly a magnificent part of America's natural heritage. The vastness of its landscape and the scope of its resources seem limitless. Yes there is clearly much for the Conservancy to do over and above the encouraging accomplishments recorded in these pages.



*C. H. W. Foster*
*President*

Among the paramount issues of the moment are the public land resources of the United States, the majority of which lie in the eleven western states and the State of Alaska. Of the 770 million acres of land now owned by the federal government, almost 500 million acres fall within the "unreserved and unappropriated public domain" administered by the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior.

Our public lands tradition appears to have been an outgrowth of the Revolutionary War. At this time, the colonies without extensive land claims in the west made their active participation conditional upon a transfer of the Crown Lands of Great Britain to the central government. Additional acquisitions over the years brought the gross total of public domain to as much as 1.8 *billion* acres.

Under a variety of Congressional acts, procedures for the use and management of these lands were developed with eventual disposition the ultimate objective of most of the statutes. Congress has periodically established special commissions to review the status of this program.

In response to the growing use and policy pressures on the still undistributed public lands, and a growing sentiment toward their retention rather than disposition, the 88th Congress established a fourth Public Land Law Review Commission in 1964 under the following mandate:

> "It is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress that the public lands of the United States shall be (a) retained and managed or (b) disposed of, all in a manner to provide the maximum benefit for the general public."

Just what the maximum benefit for the general public may be—and how to arrive at and implement such a policy course—are the present tasks of a nineteen-member citizen and legislative Commission under the chairmanship of Congressman Wayne Aspinall of Colorado. It will be assisted by a twenty-five member statutory Advisory Council. The Commission must report to Congress on or before December 31, 1968, unless this date is extended.

The Commission has already held nine public hearings throughout the country to acquaint citizens with its objectives and intended procedures. In an area fraught with special interest, the Commission's steps to date have been eminently fair to all concerned.

The real test, of course, will be the program studies and eventual recommendations. Some twenty-seven special studies and analyses have already been launched. In most instances, outside contractors have been engaged to perform these assignments. The first of these studies—a history of public land law development—is expected by late 1967.

Complex issues such as revenue sharing, grazing, withdrawals and reservations, development of oil shale reserves, use and occupancy of public lands, and the resources of the outer Continental Shelf must be decided by the Commission. Another special study will concern itself exclusively with the public land resources of Alaska—some 360 million acres alone!

All of the national forests, national wildlife refuges, and all of the national parks

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# TNC BUYS $3.94 MILLION POTOMAC TRACT

## THWARTS DEVELOPMENT—HOLDS FOR PARK

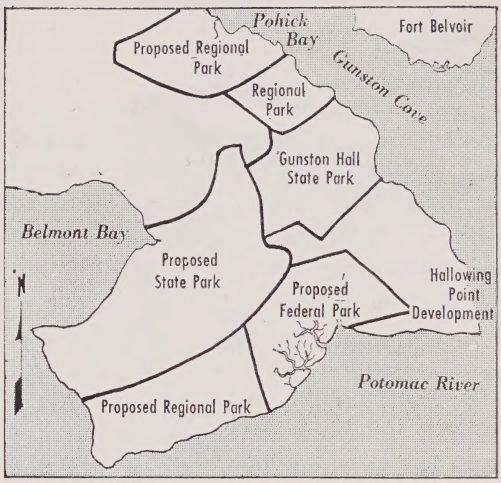
Two vital conservation tracts at Mason Neck, Fairfax County, Virginia, have been acquired by The Nature Conservancy at a cost of $3.94 million.

Included in the acreage are the controversial King's Landing property of 1711 acres owned by developers Wills & Van Metre, and a 220-acre Hallowing Point Estates tract believed essential for the preservation of the bald eagle throughout the entire Potomac estuary.

The acreage will be available to park and conservation agencies, including the Virginia Division of Parks and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. A 600-acre tract will also be available to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service should the proposed bald eagle national wildlife refuge be established by Congress.

Charles H. W. Foster, President of the Nature Conservancy, said the purchases represent a further step in his organization's expanded program of advance land acquisition for government agencies.

**Mason Neck — Virginia**




**Map of Mason Neck — Virginia**

"The Conservancy is delighted to have been able to play a useful role at Mason Neck," Foster said, "since the preservation of the Potomac is a matter of truly national concern."

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### EDITORIAL COMMENT

*Applause in Order*

The Nature Conservancy has rendered an admirable public service by buying 1711 acres of land on Mason Neck to hold for park purposes. This nonprofit group stepped in to save the Mason Neck property from private development at a time when the Federal, state and local agencies which want it for park purposes were unable to act. When the slow-moving wheels of bureaucracy turn up funds for purchase of the area, the Conservancy will sell it at cost for use as parks. Public officials themselves should have authority to act in this sensible manner, but

since they do not, the public-spirited citizens who have put up a substantial sum of money to save choice park land for the public benefit are entitled to generous applause from the entire community.

*The Washington Post*
August 3, 1967

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*Eagle's Refuge*

The purchase of more than 1700 acres of land by Nature Conservancy, Inc., to preserve the Mason Neck area of Fairfax County as a bird sanctuary must be ranked among the most encouraging victories this year for conservationists.

This picturesque region of marshland and cypress and black oak bordering the Potomac below Washington has a national significance. It is the last place in the Washington area where the bald eagle nests. In addition it is home for countless migratory ducks and geese as well as the egret and the heron.

All this was threatened by land developers whose bulldozers would have opened the way for a community of 20,000. Following the usual pattern for speculation, the price of the land was steadily rising while local and federal governments deliberated.

**Wooded Forest at Mason Neck**

**One of the Numerous Marsh Areas**

Although three different agencies contemplated buying separate parcels of the land to preserve it, one problem lay in so-called severance damages. If any one group had moved alone, cutting up the area in a way that prevented development of other parcels, the action could have opened the door to damage suits with potentially costly settlements. Nature Conservancy has avoided this by its large-scale purchase.

The conservation group now plans to buy another 220 acres nearby and resell the entire package at cost in sections to the Interior Department, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority as these bodies complete their own financing arrangements. The result will assure the creation of fascinating parkland plus a refuge for wildlife.

Charles H. W. Foster, Conservancy president, and William Lightsey, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, deserve special commendation for working out this unusual rescue operation.

*The Washington Star*
August 2, 1967

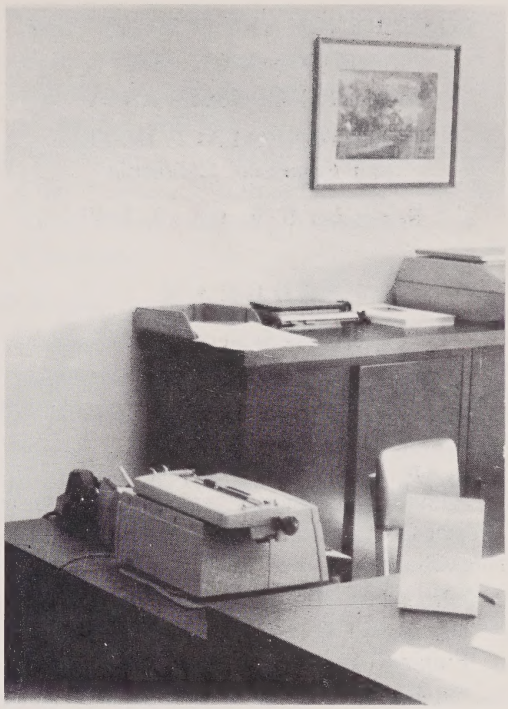
## NEW OFFICE IS OPENED FOR WESTERN REGIONAL STAFF

"Progress" and "Expansion" are the keynotes of The Nature Conservancy's Western Regional Office. The Conservancy has greatly enlarged its operation in the nation's western sector. Projects in this area have doubled in the last year, and TNC has extended its influence to Alaska and Hawaii.

With this upswing in projects and activity, Huey D. Johnson, Western Regional Director, has found it necessary to relocate the San Francisco office in new, roomier quarters. The new location, 3 blocks from San Francisco Bay, is on the 11th floor of the Matson Building at 215 Market Street, San Francisco, rooms 1115-1118. The newly-furnished three room suite includes an outer reception room, a main office, and a field office.

The San Francisco office is staffed by Mr. Johnson, Terry A. Blunt, Western Field Reprepresentative, and Norma Grosenbacher, secretary for the Western Regional Office. The western region of The Nature Conservancy functions in the thirteen western states, including Hawaii. In all there are at present approximately forty active Conservancy projects in the western region.

**Western Region Staff: L to R Huey D. Johnson, Norma Grosenbacher and Terry A. Blunt**



**New Western Office**

**Cover Picture**

The Molera tract is at the mouth of the Big Sur River, 22 miles south of Carmel on the southern California coast.

It contains forests of pine, redwood, laurel, tan-bark oak, and birch. The 1000 foot ridge provides a spectacular view of the Big Sur Coastal Area.

Under an agreement of sale from Miss Frances M. Molera the Conservancy is acting as an intermediary, to acquire the 2089 acres and hold them for the State of California.

**CONFERENCE AND 18TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY**

**SHERATON PALACE HOTEL**
**San Francisco, California**

**September 8, 9, and 10, 1967**

## PROGRAM

### Friday, September 8

**8:30 a.m.**
Registration Desk Opens.

**9:00 a.m.**
Panel Discussion: "Aids to Chapter & Project Committee Action;" Ingram Richardson, Chairman.

1. "Procedures for Increasing Membership;" Dr. George E. Hudson, Chairman, Inland Empire Chapter.
2. "Preacquisition for Government — The Role of The Chapter;" Thornton Thomas, Chairman, Washington Chapter.
3. "Wildflower Tours—A Method of Conservation Education," Al Ryan, Chairman, Southern California Chapter.
4. "Project Activity in a New England State;" Mrs. Agnew Talcott, Chairman, Connecticut Chapter.
5. "The Aptos Dam Story;" John McDaniel, Chairman, Monterey Chapter.
6. Open Discussion.

**12 Noon**
Lunch.

**1:00 p.m.**
Leave hotel on field trip to Marin County, covering dedication of Spindrift Point at Muir Beach, visit to Kent Island and Bolinas Lagoon, then to Mill Valley for Buffet Supper out-of-doors at the Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club.

**7:00 p.m.**
Meeting and Panel Discussion: "Enjoyment & Protection of Natural Areas;" Donald Greame Kelley, Chairman.

1. "Scientific Uses & Enjoyment;" Dr. Elizabeth McClintock, Botanist, California Academy of Science, San Francisco.
2. "Recreation in the Unspoiled Outdoors;" Frank E. Sylvester, Regional Director, U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, San Francisco.
3. "Natural Areas & Conservation Education;" Ernest C. White, Director of Marin County Department of Conservation Education.
4. "Human Motivation and Inspiration From the Land;" Charles A. Borden, Spindrift Point, Muir Beach, California. World Traveler and Author of such books as "South Sea Islands," "Oceania" and "Hawaii: Fiftieth State" and his current "Sea Quest."

**8:30 p.m.**
Refreshments.

Board of Governors Meeting at St. Hilary's Church at Tiburon.

**9:30 p.m.**
Bus leaves for San Francisco.

**Bolinas Lagoon — California**

**Saturday, September 9**

**8:30 a.m.**
Registration Desk Opens.

**9:00 a.m.**
Opening Session:

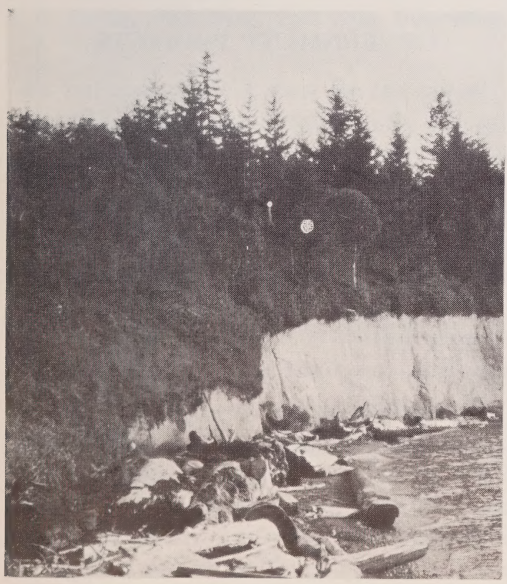
"The Nature Conservancy—The Year in Review;" Charles H. W. Foster, President.

1. "The Thirteen Western States;" Huey D. Johnson, Western Regional Director.
2. "The Central & Lake States;" John W. Humke, Mid-western Regional Director.
3. "Advancing a National Program;" John Sullivan, Director of Operations, Washington.

**10:30 a.m.**
Refreshments.

**11:00 - 12:00 p.m.**
Panel Discussion: "Measuring the Conservation Purpose;" George L. Collins, Chairman.

1. "The Inner Meaning of Conservation;" Dr. Samuel A. Wright, Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley.
2. "The Outdoor Traveler — His Attitudes & Aspirations," Martin Litton, Travel Editor, Sunset Magazine, Menlo Park.
3. "Achieving a True Sense of Design," Garrett Eckbo, Chairman, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley.
4. "A Working Journalist Looks at The Conservationist," Harold Gilliam, Outdoor Editor, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco.



**Rawson Property — Washington**

**12:30 p.m.**
Lunch.

Introduction of Chapter Chairmen and other distinguished guests.

Speaker: John W. Deinema, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, "An Introduction to 20 Million Acres of California."

**3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
Annual Meeting: Alexander B. Adams, Chairman of the Board, presiding:

Reports of Officers

Election of Officers

Other Business

**6:30 p.m.**
Annual Dinner and Evening Program: Presentation of Awards.

Speaker: Gordon Onslow-Ford, internationally known contemporary artist, whose works include transcribing the impression of natural beauty to canvas. He has donated the area that most impresses him and it is now a Conservancy project. Following his talk, Mr. Onslow-Ford will introduce the premiere showing of a French film depicting his art and the natural surroundings that inspired it.

**Sunday, September 10**

**9:00 a.m.**
Meeting of the new Board of Governors.

**10:30 a.m.**
Bus leaves for trip to Napa Valley: tour of the Bering Bros. Winery at St. Helena; barbecue picnic on winery grounds; dedication of W. W. Lyman Memorial Buckeye Grove and return to San Francisco in time for dinner.

## KIPAHULU PROJECT ADVANCES

Nature Conservancy's first Hawaiian project is off to a flying start.

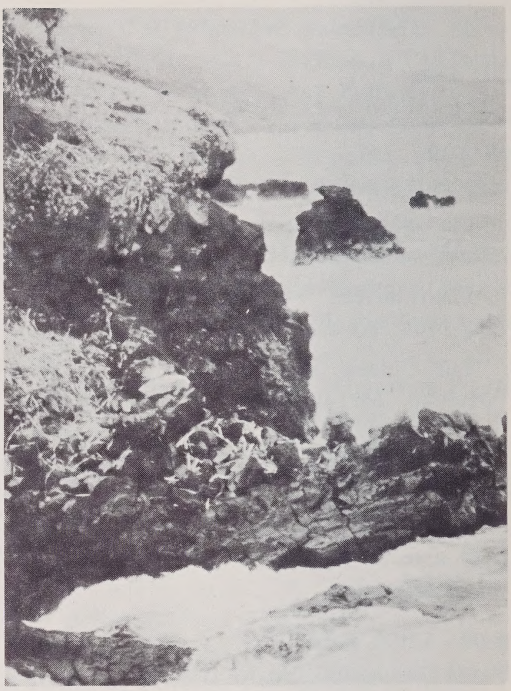
Options have been acquired in the key Kipahulu Valley area, including the famed Seven Sacred Pools.

The goal is ultimate extension of Haleakala National Park on Maui, in a great ten-mile corridor from the volcano's 10,025-foot summit to the sea.

This area, considered one of the most beautiful in the world, contains many areas of scientific interest, some unexplored. Proposed trails would afford the visitor an unforgettable view of the lush vegetation and tropical waterfalls of the Kipahulu Valley.

Laurance S. Rockefeller has offered to donate the lower pool area to the government as an extension of Haleakala National Park, provided that the Conservancy can raise $500,000 to purchase the private inholdings which it now has under option.

**One of numerous waterfalls in Kipahulu**



**Kipahulu's Rugged Seascape**

Hawaii's Governor John A. Burns also has endorsed the project and has agreed to recommend the inclusion of state-held lands in the National Park extension.

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## GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

In the last 10 years Conservancy has undertaken 39 government land acquisition programs, using more than two millions in privately donated or secured funds. Participants have included three federal agencies, twelve state or regional agencies, and six jurisdictions at county, city or township level. Individual properties have ranged from 2 acres to nearly 10,000 acres. Transactions have been completed in twenty states.

Purchases were made on the basis of informal understandings with the agencies as to prices paid and arrangements for repurchase. The program has been non-profit but self-supporting, and in no case has any government agency failed to follow through on repurchase.

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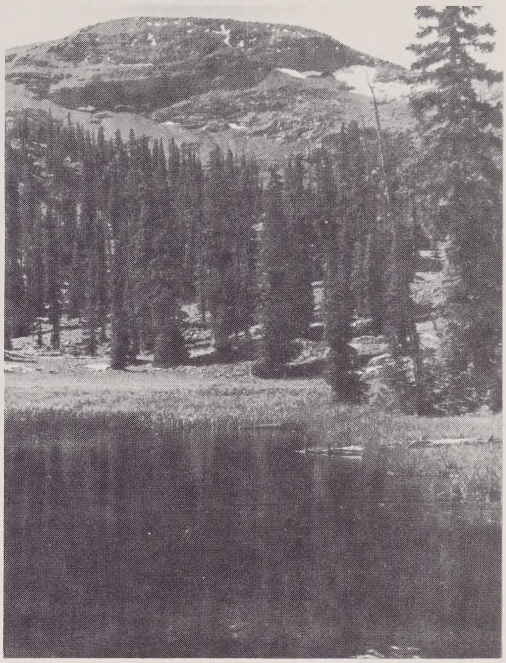

**Galena Mountain — Colorado**

## FUNDS SOUGHT FOR GALENA PROJECT

The Colorado Chapter has launched a campaign to raise funds for the Galena Mountain Project. Help is needed in the purchase of 400 acres of rocky and wooded slopes marked by numerous lakes and ponds and numerous varieties of unusual flora and fauna.

Galena Mountain reaches its peak at 12,-800 feet. There is evidence of a recent permafrost action. The area has great significance, not only esthetically, but also for its scientific value in controlled high-altitude biological experimentation.

### HELP!

The editors of The Nature Conservancy NEWS are greatly in need of good pictures of Conservancy projects. Any black and white snapshots, color photos or color slides would be appreciated. Send them to The Nature Conservancy, 1522 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20005.

## RISING TIDE OF NEW PROJECTS

**In the three months since our Summer issue the Conservancy has acquired, assisted with, bought or leased the following new projects:**

### BLANCHARD SPRINGS CAVERN DOBBINS TRACT, ARKANSAS

This cavern is a series of massive rooms and passages under a Stone County mountain. With 40 acres of mixed hardwoods along the bluffs of Sycamore Creek, it is being held for the U.S. Forest Service.

Contact: Mr. Alvis Z. Owen, Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service, Russelville, Arkansas 72801.

### IDLER'S REST, IDAHO

This is a 42.5-acre area of Douglas fir-ponderosa pine forests in Latah County. A fund raising campaign is being carried on by the Inland Empire Chapter in order to repay a loan by the national office.

Contact: William Berrigan, Box 90, Moscow, Idaho 83843.

### SAVAGE MEMORIAL WOODS, IOWA

The 11.22 acres of Savage Memorial Woods, in Henry County, are covered by an upland hardwood forest overlooking Big Cedar Creek. It was a gift to the Conservancy by Miss Alice Elinor Savage.

Contact: Miss Alice Elinor Savage, R.R. 4, Mount Pleasant, Iowa 52641.

### MONTSWEAG RESERVE, MAINE

The 10-acre Montsweag Reserve in Sagadahoc County is composed of thick second growth to the shoreline of Montsweag Bay.

Contact: Miss Lois M. Thurston, RFD 3 Wiscasset, Maine 04578.

### THE HERMITAGE, MAINE

The Hermitage, in Piscataquis County, is noted for its large stand of white pine on a bluff along the west branch of the Pleasant River. The 35-acre property contains several camping buildings.

**Dickey River — Washington**

Contact: Miss Sarah Katahdin, Iron Works Road, Brownville, Maine 04414.

### SCHAEFER PRAIRIE (BROWNTON), MINNESOTA

This is a 160-acre property in McLeod County. The rolling native grass prairie is completely without tree cover.

Contact: Albert G. Johnson, Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.

### STODDARD PRESERVE, NORTH CAROLINA

This 20-acre area in Jackson County has a nearly mature stand of hardwoods and some conifers on the mountainous land. It is a gift to the Conservancy of Dr. and Mrs. James K. Stoddard.

Contact: Dr. J. K. Stoddard, Cashiers, North Carolina 28717.

### DISHMAN HILLS, WASHINGTON

See story elsewhere in this issue.

### OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON

This 13-acre area within Olympic National Park is being held for the National Park Service, since it controls the Quinault Valley entrance to the park. The Conservancy stepped in when the property was threatened with destruction by logging.

Contact: Ben Gale, Superintendent, Olympic National Park, 600 East Park Avenue, Port Angeles, Washington 98362.

### SPRUCE KNOB — MILLER TRACT, WEST VIRGINIA

This 80-acre tract in Pendleton County is mostly mixed hardwoods on mountainous land. It is being held for the United States Forest Service.

Contact: Ephe Olliver, Superintendent, Monongahela National Forest, Box 1231, Elkins, West Virginia 26241.

### SPRUCE KNOB — SMITH TRACT, WEST VIRGINIA

This 1999-acre Pendelton County area is predominantly mixed hardwoods on mountainous land. It is being held for the United States Forest Service.

Contact: Ephe Olliver, Superintendent, Monongahela National Forest, Box 1231, Elkins, West Virginia 26241.

### SPRUCE KNOB — SPONAUGLE TRACT, WEST VIRGINIA

This 300-acre tract in Pendelton County is mixed hardwoods and is being held for the United States Forest Service.

Contact: Ephe Olliver, Superintendent, Monongahela National Forest, Box 1231, Elkins, West Virginia 26241.

**Cleary Reserve — California**

### LIFE MEMBERS

Since the beginning of 1967 The Nature Conservancy has gained nine new Life Members, bringing the total to 359. The cost of a Life Membership is $300.

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### AMERICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

The Natural Resources Council of America has issued a revised edition of *America's Natural Resources,* edited by Charles H. Callison of the National Audubon Society. It is available hard-bound at $5.00 from Dial Press.

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### CONSERVANCY HONORED

The Nature Conservancy has been named an Associate of The American University, Washington, D.C., for the academic year 1966-1967.

This is in recognition of the Conservancy's participation in American University's journalism internship program. This year's student intern was Jerry R. Sander, Assistant Editor of The Nature Conservancy NEWS.

## TOURING NATURE CONSERVANCY'S PACIFIC COAST PROJECTS

Because it started in the East, few are aware of the great western development of The Nature Conservancy, particularly along the Pacific Coast.

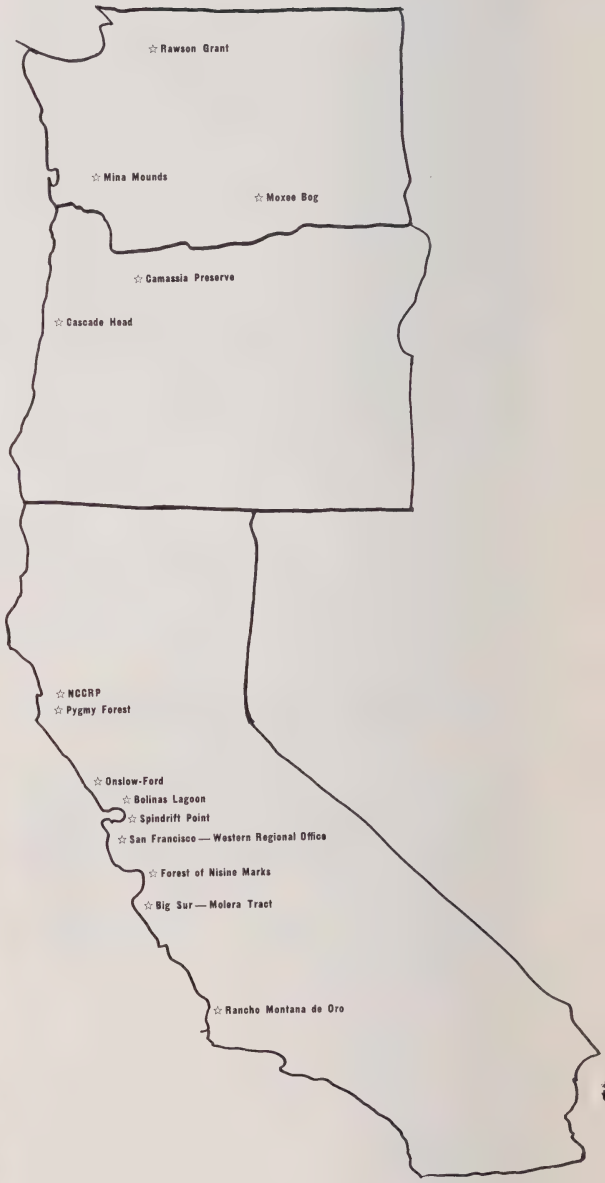
Tours organized as part of the San Francisco annual meeting include almost 25,000 acres of sanctuaries along America's western shoreline from Canada to Mexico. These properties feature scenic headlands, beaches —all the wide variety of the West.

The 300-acre Cascade Head in Tillamook County, Oregon, is one of these. The promontory reaches an elevation of 1400 feet, and the lower level is marked by rich coastal flora and large meadows.

The 3805-acre Northern California Coast Range Preserve in Mendocino County, on the San Andreas Fault, is an area of undisturbed forest of old-growth Douglas fir, redwood, tan-bark oak and madrone along the virgin watershed of Elder Creek. Farther south is Pygmy Forest in Mendocino County, consisting of 10 acres of mature fir forest of miniature height.

Farther down the coast is the Onslow-Ford Preserve in Marin County, California. Near Point Reyes, this 193.43 acre complete watershed has a cover of bay laurel and bishop pine.

**Cascade Head — Oregon**




**Conservancy Pacific Coast Projects**

Closer to San Francisco are the Bolinas Lagoon and Spindrift Point projects. Bolinas Lagoon's 110 acres was saved from commercial exploitation and protected as a natural area. Spindrift Point, measuring 4 acres, is a high rugged bluff overlooking the Pacific. The area is marked by flowering plants, rare lichens and a wide variety of waterfowl.

The Forest of Nisene Marks is near San Jose in Santa Cruz County. Visitors can tour the 9750 acres of wild land covered with forests of second-growth redwood, oak and fir.

The most southern project is the 4470-acre Rancho Montana De Oro in San Luis Obispo County, California. This project blends the rugged beauty of a rocky shoreline with magnificent canyons.

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created from the public domain will be subject to the Commission's scrutiny, as will the administrative rule-making and adjudication practiced by all federal agencies with public land responsibilities.

The magnitude of the Commission's task is matched only by the significance of its assignment. For this reason, the Conservancy has departed from its usual practice of concentrating upon land preservation *per se* and will participate actively in the deliberations of the Commission.

A special committee has been established by the Board of Governors to develop recommendations for the designation and protection of natural areas on public lands. These will be submitted to the Commission at the appropriate time.

The Conservancy is also fortunate in being one of two national conservation organizations with an official seat on the Advisory Council

For these reasons, we would welcome any help, knowledge or special skills you might be able to lend. They will be put to work promptly in a cause vital to future generations!

CHARLES H. W. FOSTER, *President*

## FOSTER HONORED

Conservancy President Charles H. W. Foster has been named the recipient of The Trustees of Reservations 1967 Conservation Award. This honor is in recognition of Foster's work as Commissioner of Natural Resources in Massachusetts from 1959-1966, President of The Nature Conservancy, and and for overall distinguished service in the field of conservation.

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## DISHMAN HILLS — LATEST WASHINGTON PROJECT

An 80-acre area, Dishman Hills has been preserved through The Nature Conservancy. Only 6 miles from Spokane, Washington, it is a significant outdoor recreation area.

Thomas Rogers, a Spokane high school Biology teacher, who has taken many of his classes on field trips to the area, called the attention of the Inland Empire Chapter to the fact that Dishman Hills was being threatened by housing developers and road construction.

A loan of $18,000 was made by the national office for the purchase. A fund-raising campaign is under way to repay the loan.

**Dishman Hills — Washington**

## LATIN AMERICAN DESK

The philosophy and techniques of The Nature Conservancy have gained expression in Caribbean and Latin American countries through the efforts of Dr. Maria Buchinger, head of the Conservancy's Latin American desk. Dr. Buchinger accepted an invitation from the Bariloche Foundation to address a meeting held in Bariloche, Argentina, on June 12, 13, and 14, dealing with the establishment of conservation centers. Among those in attendance were Gordon Harrison, director of the Ford Foundation's program office in charge of resources and environment; Joe Fisher, of Resources for the Future, and leading officials of the Argentine natural resource organizations. Dr. Buchinger's address on "The Preservation of Natural Areas" emphasized the importance of private conservation organizations in land acquisition.

*Doctor Maria Buchinger*

Dr. Buchinger also played an active role in conferences held in Grenada in the West Indies, Colombia and Venezuela. On May 18th at Bogata, Colombia, she was part of the presiding table of a subcommittee within the Third National Forestry Congress, dealing with national parks and watershed units. This Committee stressed the need to establish and maintain a network of natural areas, and urged improved cooperation among the scientific community, conservation-minded citizens, and governmental agencies. Resolutions to this effect were adopted by the Congress.

Dr. Buchinger also participated in several round-table discussions during the Fourth Annual Meeting of IUCN's Latin American Committee on National Parks, held in Venezuela May 28. One of the basic issues under discussion was the growing cooperation of private organizations in support of government efforts in conservation.

## PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATIONS

In the four months since April 15, 1967 Charles H. W. Foster, President of The Nature Conservancy, has made the following authorizations:

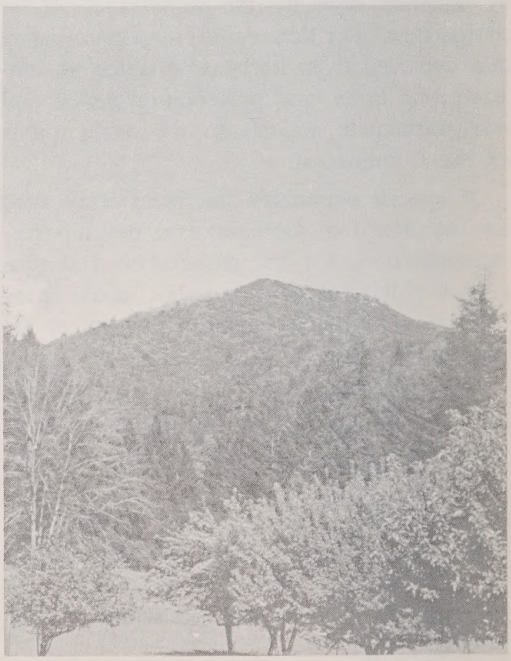
Kaplan Meadows, New York. Acceptance of donation from Springton Realty Corporation of 22 acres of salt marsh and adjacent upland.

Harbor Hill Sanctuary, New York. Acceptance of donation from Dr. Frances Cline of approximately 40 acres of wooded forest plain, stream and bluffs.

Lyman Memorial Buckeye Grove, California. Authority given to the Northern California Chapter for a 2.2 acre tract donated by W. W. Lyman, Jr.

Berlin Ghost Town, Nevada. Authorized increase in loan from $2500 to $5000.

Schaefer Prairie Preserve, Minnesota. Authorized increase in campaign goal from $15,000 to $16,500.



**Northern California Coast Range Preserve**

Spiderweed, Connecticut. Authorized purchase with campaign goal of $2500.00

Bolinas Lagoon, California. Authorized loan of $1000 for purchase of 10 acres of shoreline in cooperation with Marin County Parks Department.

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**BOARD ACTIONS — WASHINGTON**
**June 29, 1967**

Galena Mountain, Colorado. Authorized one-year renewable lease to the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, provided that preservation of the biota and other natural features is assured by the terms of the lease.

Stanton Property, Connecticut. Connecticut Chapter given authority for this 22-acre project, with a loan of $8,500 authorized.

Ezell's cave, Texas. Loan of $7,000 authorized to buy this one-acre property.

Attwater Prairie Chicken, Texas. Loan increased by $25,000 to meet commitments.

Wesser Bald, North Carolina. Authorized $7,000 loan to purchase this 60-acre tract for eventual transfer to U.S. Forest Service.

**Mima Mounds — Washington**

**Blanche Hamilton Preserve — California**

St. Vincents Island, Florida. Authorized joint effort with Federal Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife and the Smithsonian Institution to help preserve this 12,000-acre property.

Mason Neck, Virginia. Authorized purchase of two tracts, totaling 1931 acres, in a cooperative effort with the Virginia Parks Department, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, and the Federal Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife.

Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks, West Virginia. Loan of $40,000 authorized to purchase parcels, totaling 1724.5 acres, in a cooperative effort with the U.S. Forest Service.

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